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Subject: Trip to Ukraine in August 1969 by a citizen of Yugoslavia

Source: RK

Date: 2 Oct. 1969

1. Subject entered Ukraine at Chop and proceeded to Lviv where she stayed for 2 days with her relatives. In Lviv she visited many stores and everywhere talked Russian to the sales personnel. All the sales personnel answered in Ukrainian and asked her why she spoke Russian. They explained to her that it is very popular now in Ukraine to reply in Ukrainian if someone started a conversation in Russian.
2. In Kiev she visited her aunt with whom she went sightseeing. On one of their walks through the city she entered a drug store and began talking to the druggist in Russian. He replied in Ukrainian and asked her where she was from. Subject said she was from Yugoslavia, but was a Ukrainian who had lived there very long and had forgotten Ukrainian. The druggist took her to the back room and began telling her that presently there is a campaign in Kiev to revive Ukrainian national consciousness. In regards to this there ^{were} 12 persons arrested ^{released} by the KGB for printing various leaflets defending the Ukrainian language. This druggist asked Subject to send her a bible since they are very difficult to obtain. Subject informed this individual that there is a Ukrainian minority in Yugoslavia, that they have their own radio station in Banja Luka and publish various books and have their own newspaper in Novi Sad.
3. In Kharkiv Subject was told that among the peasants in the village there is a fear of the war with China and many young men prefer not to go into the armed forces. Many peasants do not believe that the U.S. landed a man on the moon.
4. Subject is in her 50's, is a Ukrainian who came to Yugoslavia approx. 30 years ago. She has a high school education and has two daughters. ~~(Source is very reliable)~~ She visited the USSR two times previously and both times returned with interesting information.

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